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Institute of Environmental Studies

In response to a number of requests arising from the "Klahanie" programmes on CBC TV the Institute has produced an information booklet entitled "The Garden as a Bird Sanctuary".

Copies are held in campus libraries and the Liberal Studies office.

The Environmental Studies Information Booklets now available are:

No. 1 Campbell River
Regional Park,
Langley, B.C.

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No. 2 Boundary Bay

No. 5 The Garden as a Bird
Sanctuary

No. 6 The Surrey River
Systems

No. 7 Mud Bay -- A Case Study
of a Tidal Marsh

Information booklets on Burnaby Lake and Wildlife Management in the Fraser Valley will be issued in February.

ACCOLADES

Bill Day has some encouraging news for both the instructors and administrative staff involved in Pharmacology - Psychiatric Nurses.

Because of a good rapport, Douglas has been asked to participate in both Vernon and Terrace, B.C., which is a long way from home but gives some indication of the impact that the College is having at the Provincial level.

More detail will follow in a report from Bill Day in a subsequent issue.

In the meantime, we did want to

congratulate the many instructors and administrative staff who quite obviously made such a good impression in the above credit and non-credit course areas.

Inter-disciplinary Studies

Team Teaching

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Since the arrival of faculty at Douglas the question of an inter-disciplinary approach to studies has been a recurrent theme for discussion. In offering a number of inter-disciplinary courses we are discovering the difficulties involved, especially in a college which spreads its students and faculty over three campuses.

"Course Packages" will be introduced in the second semester. These are designed to achieve some of the same aims as the inter-disciplinary course by relating the work of several disciplines to common themes. Students will be given lists of between ten and fifteen courses under five package titles: Canadian Studies, International Studies, Environmental Studies, Man and his Mind, and Man and Society. From these they should be able to select five courses which do not clash. They are not obliged to select all their courses from a package.

The instructors of the courses within each package may obtain assistance in coordinating their themes from the Institutes of International and Environmental Studies. They may also examine the idea of holding "symposia" on Wednesday afternoons (when few Liberal Studies Courses are scheduled.) The symposia will attempt to bring discussion from the different disciplines to bear upon an issue common to all.

In experimenting with the inter-disciplinary approach we may learn much from Evergreen College, Washington. A paper by Mervyn Cadwallader outlining Evergreen's Academic plans is being circulated among faculty. Further copies may be obtained from Sheilah Thompson at N.W., or Barry Leach at Surrey. A more detailed study of Evergreen's experience, perhaps including a visit, will undoubtedly be of great value to those helping to shape the "Douglas Four" programme.

All these approaches, the Course Package, Evergreen and Douglas Four, and even our attempt to define the needs and contents of a College General Studies Programme, reveal the need to re-examine the philosophy on which U.B.C.' degree programme is based, and to which many of our students are tied by their need or wish to transfer to U.B.C. on leaving Douglas. If inter-disciplinary studies devoted to integrating "problems, themes or conceptual schemes" are to be available to transfer students, the University requirement of a minimum of six semester hours from four subject area groups (as described on page 38 of our calendar) must be revised or rejected. This problem demands our immediate attention.

Note: Because it is topical and important, this topic has already been scheduled for the February 17th Faculty Meeting.

SPORTS

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EXTRA-MURAL

VOLLEYBALL

Last weekend's Totem Conference tournament was held at Vancouver City College and Douglas College men won again !

Douglas and Trinity finished in a joint first place but technically Douglas won as we had lost fewer games.

Teams from Kelowna also competed in this tournament.

The women's team did very well also and finished second. They won two and lost one and are showing great improvement in playing as a team.

The 'wins' are very encouraging and Douglas is now looking ahead to the Totem Conference Championships to be held at B.C.I.T. on March 19 and 20. We stand a good chance of winning the Championship !

Next regular tournament in the series will be held this weekend (Feb. 6th) at Royal Roads Military College where the men only will compete.

EXTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL

There are two additions to the Extra-Mural schedule.

Douglas plays Selkirk on Feb. 6 and Trinity (who are the reigning champions) on Feb. 20.

The next regular game in the schedule for both men and women will be played at Vancouver City College on February 12.

INTRA-MURAL

BASKETBALL

Last Friday night (Jan. 29) New Westminster defeated Richmond 111 to 48.

The Surrey and New West teams now have two points each in the Intra-Mural Schedule and will play off for the championship (and a trophy) on the evening of March 26 in the Massey Gymnasium of the New Westminster Senior Secondary School.

New West and Surrey play the next regular game in the schedule on Friday (Feb. 5) at New West.

CONDOMINIUM FOR RENT

In large housing project adjacent to K-Mart in Surrey

2 storey, 2 bedrooms basement, fridge and stove

Rent: \$150.00 monthly

Please call 581-1840

Is there another fisherman on the faculty or staff interested in swapping stories and helping a newcomer learn the ropes of fresh or salt fishing in B.C.? If so, let's get together.
Howard Eaton, Surrey Campus.
Westminster Campus Second Semester. Am a rank amateur at fly fishing, but fair experience with spin and bait for bass, panfish, catfish, carp, and other warm water fishes. Abysmally ignorant about salt and cold water.



Intersection is the Surrey equivalent of the Vancouver Crisis Center (and "Now"). At present, a phoning service and drop-in center are being provided three evenings a week at Unwin Park (in a bus). Faculty members interested in supporting Intersection by paying membership dues, please forward \$2.00 to J. R. Ferris, 12388-66 Ave., Surrey (594-9520). Student fees are \$1.00
Intersections' phone number - 596-1727. The New Westminster equivalent (24 hour phoning service) is 524-8505. Volunteers are needed in both organizations.

SCRIPT WRITING COMPETITION

The Nanaimo Centennial Committee invites British Columbia writers to submit scripts for a pageant of approximately 2 hours playing time, depicting outstanding events in Nanaimo's history.

A prize of \$250.00 will be awarded the winning script and the deadline for submission is February 28, 1971.

Further details about the contest and a bibliography of source material is available from the Information Office.

ZEME

Simon Fraser University's Mime Troupe has been selected to perform at the 1971 National Showcase Festival of Theatre at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa in May.

The troupe will perform their original "mimo-drama" ZEME by Richard Bolivar which will be performed next Friday and Saturday (Feb. 12 & 13) at the SFU Theatre.



COMMUNICATIONS BREAKDOWN ?

At the Principal's Council Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2, the "open" policy for The Mad Hatter was emphatically reinforced and agreed upon i.e. it is not merely a mouth-piece for Administration or Faculty or Public Information. There is no and will be no censorship imposed and we will continue to reproduce comments from individuals so long as they conform to the laws governing libel, slander, defamation of character, etc.

IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE ABOVE "OPEN" POLICY...

There will be a designated area in each issue for the following departments within the College:

Liberal Studies
English and Communications
Engineering Science
Fine Arts
Continuing Education

Career Programs
Sports
Institute of Environmental Studies
Institute of International Studies
Administration
Counselling & Student Development
Centre

Library
Audio-Visual

In addition to the above, there will be highlights and progress reports from

College Council
Principal's Council
Curriculum Committee
Student Government
Faculty Association (if ratified)

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In each instance, the Deans, Chairmen and Directors will be responsible for delegating the authority and responsibility to individuals within their own department to facilitate an on-going flow of departmental information.

A specified area within The Mad Hatter will also be left open to encourage individual comment from any source within the College.

It is important that all submissions, whether personal or from a departmental representative, are typed clearly, accurately and single-spaced on the Submission Form attached to each newsletter. The information is not re-typed -- it is merely pasted into position and duplicated. This saves a great deal of time.

FIELD TRIP A LA CARTE

Artists employed by the Sun and Province newspapers hosted the students of the Commercial Illustration course at lunch and for a tour of the building on Jan. 22. The entire class made the trip and were given an enthusiastic demonstration of what will be required of them "on-the-job" when they have finished their course.